KDS/JSS

2 January 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to School Uniform for Summer Term 2024

Further to my letter of 11 December 2023 regarding the changes to the school uniform from the Summer Term 2024, I have had several emails and questions which I will endeavour to answer in this letter.

- The new Summer top will be available from Skoolkit in March 2024. We will let you know when it is available to buy/order.
- This top is not compulsory, so we are not required to consult with parents before adding this **option** to our uniform list.
- The options are that students can wear this top with grey school trousers, skirt, skort or tailored shorts, under their blazer for the summer term.
- Alternatively they can wear a white shirt and tie if they prefer. Short sleeved white shirts are acceptable and some students may find this a cooler option and cheaper for parents.
- Students will be required to wear their blazers over whichever option they choose.
- As we have done in the past, when the temperatures rise we will allow students to remove ties and blazers.
- We suggest students wear their blazers to school as they have always done and they will then be allowed to remove them when given permission in school.
- If we have a long period of hot weather we will inform students and parents that ties and blazers will not be required. This will be done via our usual channels and a start and end date will be given. PE kits will not be acceptable for school as an alternative to the above.

We will also be changing the red jumper/cardigan to grey for all year groups from September 2024. Students will be able to wear a dark grey v-neck jumper or cardigan, logoed or plain (logoed available from Skoolkit; plain can be purchased from any school clothing retailer as long as the colour matches). Red jumpers will be acceptable for the academic year 2024-25 and grey will be compulsory from September 2025 onwards.

Please remember we are trying to find alternatives for the summer to give parents and students a choice. Our uniform is one of the cheapest of any school in the local area and we will continue to provide Year 7, as we do now, with new uniform on entry to the school. We are fully on board with the government initiative to make uniforms accessible for all. We also have a pre-loved uniform shop, selling very cheap, good quality, second hand items. Please keep an eye on our social media pages for dates/times of opening for this term.



I hope this makes things clearer for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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